

THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL FINDS ERRONEOUS THE VIEWS OF THOSE COMMUNISTS WHO EXPRESS THEMSELVES AGAINST THE NECESSITY OF LABOR UNIONS GENERALLY. **THE INDUSTRIAL COUNCILS**, FOLLOWING THE DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES (FACTORY COMMITTEES), WHICH ARE BEING CREATED IN A SERIES OF COUNTRIES, FAR FROM EXCLUDING THE NECESSITY OF LABOR UNIONS, ARE THEMSELVES BECOMING—AS IT IS NOW TRANSPIRING IN RUSSIA—THE BASIC NUCLEI OF THE INDUSTRIAL UNIONS.

THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL ASSUMES THAT THE TIME HAS COME WHEN THE LABOR UNIONS, EMANCIPATED FROM THE INFLUENCE OF THE BOURGEOISIE AND THE SOCIAL TRAITORS, MUST IMMEDIATELY BEGIN TO CREATE THEIR OWN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ALONG THE LINES OF THE VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AS WELL AS ON A WORLD WIDE SCALE!

AGAINST THE YELLOW "INTERNATIONAL" OF LABOR UNIONS WHICH IS BEING ATTEMPTED AT AMSTERDAM, WASHINGTON AND PARIS BY BOURGEOIS AGENTS WE MUST OPPOSE A REALLY PROLETARIAN RED INTERNATIONAL OF LABOR UNIONS, TO GO HAND IN HAND WITH THE THIRD COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL!

New Unions In Germany

In a whole series of countries the labor unions are undergoing a sharp process of change. In Germany, which was the bulwark of the bourgeois yellow labor union movement directed by Legien and Noske, a whole succession of labor unions are turning their backs upon the yellow social democrats and are siding with the proletarian revolution. A number of unions have already banished their leaders who delivered labor head and all to the capitalists. The labor unions of Italy are almost entirely standing upon the platform of soviet authority. In the labor unions of Scandinavia the flow of proletarian revolution is growing with each day. In France, in England, in America, in Holland, in Spain, the rank and file of the labor unions are forsaking the old bourgeois tactics and demand now new revolutionary methods. **IN RUSSIA THREE AND ONE-HALF MILLION MEMBERS OF LABOR UNIONS WHOLLY AND UNRESERVEDLY UPHOLD THE PROLETARIAN DICTATORSHIP!** In the Balkan states the majority of the labor unions have entered into close organized relation

with the Communist parties and are fighting under their glorious banner!

The First International (International Workingmen's Association), the directors of which were Marx and Engels, strove to unite within its ranks the various proletarian organizations including labor unions that in general that recognized not in word but in deed the revolutionary struggle and endeavored to attain the dictatorship of the working class. **THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL HOLDS THE OPINION THAT IN THE GATHERINGS OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL MUST PARTICIPATE, NOT ONLY THE POLITICAL PARTIES OF COMMUNISM, BUT ALSO LABOR UNIONS HAVING A REVOLUTIONARY BASIS. THE RED LABOR UNIONS MUST UNITE INTERNATIONALLY AND BECOME A PART (SECTION) OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL!**

Must Break With Yellow International

WITH THIS SUGGESTION WE TURN TO THE ORGANIZED WORKERS OF ALL THE WORLD. THE SAME EVOLUTION AND THE SAME CHANGE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THE PROLETARIAN POLITICAL PARTIES IS INEVITABLE ALSO IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT. JUST AS THE LARGEST POLITICAL PARTIES LEFT THE SECOND YELLOW INTERNATIONAL, SO ALL HONEST LABOR UNIONS MUST BREAK WITH THE YELLOW INTERNATIONAL OF LABOR UNIONS GENERATED IN AMSTERDAM!

WE CALL UPON THE ORGANIZED WORKERS OF ALL THE WORLD TO OPEN THEIR MASS MEETINGS FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THIS APPEAL; AND WE ARE DEEPLY CONVINCED THAT THE HONEST PROLETARIAT OF ALL THE WORLD WILL SINCERELY GRASP THE HAND OFFERED THEM BY THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL.

LONG LIVE THE NEW LABOR MOVEMENT—PURGED OF THE DISEASE OF REFORMIST OPPORTUNISM!

LONG LIVE THE INTERNATIONAL OF THE LABOR UNIONS!!

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